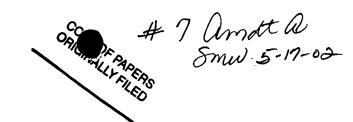


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AMENDMENT

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS WASHINGTON D C 20231

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the initial office action mailed November 27, 2001 in relation to the above-identified patent application, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the following Claims:

1. (Amended) A shock-resistant system for operatively interconnecting circuit cards within a computer system to enable data to be transmitted and received therebetween comprising: